

"YOU ARE GOING ON A LONG JOURNEY."

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A FIERCE CHARGE.

Japanese Capture 203 Meter Hill at Port Arthur.

The Japs Are Falling Back Below Sintersin, Where For Several Days They Apparently Attempted a Turning Movement.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—The imperial army headquarters announces that the Japanese troops besieging Port Arthur are in possession of 203 Meter hill. The following dispatch has been given out: "The army commenced a bombardment against 203 Meter hill at dawn November 30 and made several charges before 4 in the afternoon. Owing to the enemy's stubborn resistance the charges failed. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon our force advanced against the southeastern portion of the hill, made a fierce charge and reached within 30 meters of the summit. At 7 o'clock with reinforcements we charged to the top which was occupied by our forces. Against the northwestern part of the hill we also charged, and at 8 o'clock the entire fort on the summit fell into our hands."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Official and private dispatches received here Wednesday night indicate that the Japanese are falling back below Sintersin, where, for several days, they had apparently been attempting a turning movement. After four days of tolerably severe but unsuccessful fighting they are now retiring with the Russians in pursuit. It is impossible as yet to tell whether either movement has real strategic significance.

The Russian consul at Chfoo telegraphs that the Japanese captured two forts in the storming operations against Port Arthur on November 29, but the news is not confirmed from any other quarter. The consul says the Japanese losses were enormous and that 5,000 men were sacrificed in two hours.

Russian Headquarters, Mukden, Dec. 1.—Quiet generally prevails along the front. The most important problem now is the supply of fuel and forage, but a commission which has been formed is taking energetic steps to keep up the supply of both these necessities.

RUSSIA UNWILLING.

Will Not Join in Peace Conference Until the End of the War.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Russia is unwilling to join the powers in a second peace conference at The Hague until her war with Japan is ended.

The Russian reply to Secretary Hay's circular note to the powers of October 23 last inviting them in the name of the president to reassemble in conference at The Hague "to complete the postponed work of the first conference" was delivered verbally to Secretary Hay Wednesday by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador. The ambassador was requested by his government to say that Russia heartily accepted in principle the invitation to a second conference at The Hague and gladly associated himself with the American government in its effort to complete the mission of the first great assembly convened under the leadership of the Russian emperor.

The ambassador was further requested to say that while the Russian government very sincerely cherished these views, it did not consider the moment opportune for the convening of such a conference, and it therefore must withhold its formal acceptance of the invitation until the war in the far east was at an end.

Called on the President.

Washington, Dec. 1.—James S. White, of Omaha, Neb., who was a neighboring rancher of President Roosevelt in 1885 when the latter lived on his ranch at Medora, N. D., called on the president. The president recalled his face at once.

Adm. Chas. H. Davis Selected.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The president announced Wednesday that Rr. Adm. Charles H. Davis will be offered the appointment on the court of inquiry regarding the North Sea controversy between England and Russia.

AERONAUT MISSING.

Believed to Have Been Smothered or Frozen to Death in His Balloon.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Peter Nissen is believed to have either smothered or frozen to death in his rolling balloon "Fool Killer No. 3," in which he started for a trip across the lake Tuesday. The opinion that Nissen was lost became general Wednesday afternoon when it was found that after 24 hours of silence there was still absolutely no word from the inventor who some years ago shot the whirlpool rapids of Niagara Falls in a barrel. He has not been sighted by any vessel. He has not, so far as reported, drifted ashore at any point. His relatives have heard nothing.

Possibility of Nissen's smothering to death was considered more definitely when it was learned that his only supply of air was that pumped into the Fool Killer before the craft was launched. It was said by Nissen's brothers, however, that the navigator had computed his air supply carefully and figured that it would last him for a great number of hours.

At the weather bureau it was said that even if Nissen reached shore he would suffer from the cold, as there was a snow storm blowing near the Michigan shore, and that as his boat had no means of heating and permitted of no air, the navigator would suffer severely. The wind toward midnight increased from 25 miles an hour to a 48-mile gale.

SECRETARY OF WAR TAFT.

A Dinner Given Him at the American Legation in Panama.

Panama, Dec. 1.—Secretary of War Taft, who is here for the purpose of effecting a settlement of the differences between Panama and the canal commission, received the Panama proposition in writing late Wednesday afternoon and may make his reply Thursday. The negotiations between Secretary Taft and the government are being conducted in secret, and no details as to their nature will be made public until an agreement is reached.

Secretary Taft was given a dinner Wednesday evening at the American legation.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Board of Control Is Purchasing Municipal Bonds.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 1.—Charles E. Shiveley, of this city, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the World, in a bulletin issued Wednesday says:

Under the provisions of the law as passed by the late session of the supreme convention the board of control has purchased municipal bonds to the amount of \$527,500, earning an average of about 4.25 per cent. These bonds have been selected with the utmost care and the earnings of the surplus funds of the endowment rank have been materially increased.

INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

David M. Parry, of Indianapolis, Re-Elected as President.

New York, Dec. 1.—On the report of the nominating committee, David M. Parry, of Indianapolis, was re-elected president of the Citizens' Industrial association. Judge C. C. Craig, of Denver, was elected first vice president; James T. Holie, of Brooklyn, second vice president; George A. Davis, of Grand Rapids, Mich., third vice president; Maj. A. C. Rosecranz, of Evansville, Ind., treasurer.

USED MAILS TO DEFRAUD.

Three Men Were Sentenced to Prison at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—H. Allen Bradford, A. J. Frank and J. B. Bradford were sentenced to terms of 18, 9 and 6 months, respectively, Wednesday in the United States district court, after having been convicted on charges of using the mails to defraud. Post office inspectors state that they are the last of an organization of lawyers who have been selling land to which they have no title. The other members of the organization have been convicted and sentenced.

JUBILEE DINNER.

Seven Hundred Republicans Met at the Waldorf-Astoria.

New York, Dec. 1.—Seven hundred republicans attended the jubilee dinner given Wednesday night at the Waldorf-Astoria in honor of the victory of President Roosevelt and Vice President-elect Fairbanks. President Roosevelt sent his regrets as did also George B. Cortelyou, chairman of the national convention.

Appealed to the President.

Pittsburg, Dec. 1.—An appeal will be made to President Roosevelt to use his good offices to bring about a settlement of the strike at Youngstown and Girard. The president has consented to hold a conference with President Shaffer.

The Arbitration Treaties.

Washington, Dec. 1.—That the ratification by the senate of the arbitration treaties recently signed and of those now being negotiated may be expedited, the state department is endeavoring to have all treaties identical in form.

Will Hold Annual Reunions.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—At the final meeting of the Executive World's Fair Commissioners association in the Oklahoma building at the World's fair, Wednesday, it was decided to hold annual reunions.

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